

HOUSE RESOLUTION 264

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the 2017 Tennessee  
Elite of Waynesboro, World Series Champions.

WHEREAS, this legislative body is pleased to specially honor and commend those  
successful athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and  
serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Elite, a 14u baseball team from Waynesboro, achieved an  
extraordinary level of success during the 2017 season, winning the Game 7 World Series in  
Murfreesboro to become World Series Champions; and

WHEREAS, joined by baseball teams from several states to compete for the title of  
world champions in Murfreesboro the week of July 11-16, 2017, Tennessee Elite began pool  
play with a 4-7 loss to Owensboro, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, fearlessly determined, the young men from Waynesboro rebounded for a 5-  
3 win over a team from Middle Tennessee to return to their winning ways as they advanced to  
the top division in double elimination play; and

WHEREAS, with timely hitting and exceptional pitching, Tennessee Elite defeated the  
Tennessee Outlaws 6-4, shut out Nashville Select 5-0, and pounded the Diamond Dawgs from  
Evansville, Indiana, 11-0; and

WHEREAS, having advanced to the championship finals with an undefeated record,  
Tennessee Elite once again faced the Diamond Dawgs, who had battled through the losers  
bracket; in a hard-fought struggle, the Diamond Dawgs defeated Tennessee Elite 8-7 to force a  
winner-take-all game for the right to claim the title of World Series Champion; and

WHEREAS, entering the seventh inning tied 1-1, the young men of Tennessee Elite plated three runs to take a 4-1 lead and eventually the World Series Championship with a final score of 4-2; and

WHEREAS, championships are achieved only through hard work, dedication, and the ability to work together as a team and excel with a cooperative spirit; this group of young men exhibited those characteristics during each and every game of their championship season; and

WHEREAS, the members of Tennessee Elite have represented their community in fine fashion, displaying peerless character both on and off the diamond; and

WHEREAS, the members of this unparalleled team are Jonmikel Lynn, Kolby Lynn, Hunter Staggs, A.C. Mills, Cameron Manley, Clay Baugus, Luke Nichols, Spencer Turnbow, JoJo Swinea, Aaron Stooksberry, and Carson Prater; and

WHEREAS, the team enjoyed the tremendous coaching talents of J.K. Staggs, Steven Turnbow, Shannon Baugus, and Marlen Mills; and

WHEREAS, this legislative body finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud such an outstanding athletic team; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate the 2017 Tennessee Elite 14u baseball team from Waynesboro upon winning the Game 7 World Series and extend to them our best wishes for continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.